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Carroll on the Constitution.

"Tennessee is to-day the worst governed State in the Union," said Col. Carroll, and I say that with no purpose whatever or desire to reflect upon the honesty, integrity or capacity of any official. It is simply the wright of our Constitution, and we cannot look for any sort of improvement until a constitutional convention is held, without regard to parties or politics, and a system devised and put into operation that will permit Tennessee to take her place in the onward moving line of States. The present Constitution, adopted in 1870, was a compromise affair and is a strangler of industry and ambition because of the outrageous system of taxation it fosters and encourages.

"I am opposed to the principle that all property shall be taxed alike, that the burden may be equally divided. Property should be taxed according to its earning capacity. A property earning \$1,000,000 should contribute proportionately to the burden of the Government.

"I am opposed to all property being taxed. I am not in favor of taxation of such movable property as State, county or municipal bonds. There is no sort of wisdom in destroying the holding of such property in the State as produces a semi-annual dividend. The State does not get a dollar of tax on her bonds, neither do the cities or counties on their banded indebtedness, and yet these bonds are liable to taxation.

Why? Because they are not held in the State. If I loan a man money and take his obligation for it, under our system I have to pay for the privilege of becoming a creditor.

"I am in favor of taxing corporations, though not upon the value of the plant, but upon the gross profits.

There should be no divisions between law and equity. There ought to be enough courts to afford every litigant a speedy and fair trial of his cause, but these should have their law and equity sides and hear the cause according to its proper merits. All suits should be commenced by petition, and defendants required to answer within ten days. After that the final hearing should be had as soon as the proof can be gotten ready. There are on the dockets of the Chancery and Federal courts cases which were begun ten years ago.

The Supreme Court should sit at Nashville and its Judges paid decent salaries.

Tennessee has not a single life insurance company operating under a law, and yet Connecticut has been made rich by them. She has not a guaranty company, neither has she a pure saving bank, the latter institution being an essential one to take charge of the peoples savings and earn interest upon them with stocks or dividends. Contrast this State with Massachusetts in the matter of savings. The latter has

accumulated the enormous sum of about \$500,000,000, the annual interest on which is more than the entire debt of Tennessee.

If the people would prosper, they have got to change the Constitution and radically revise the whole system. Most of the franchises in the State are owned by people who take the usufruct of those franchises and hustle it out of the State as soon as possible.

From the biggest bank to the humblest laborer in the State there has been no prosperity for the past few years, and there can be none until we place the State in position to compete with other States for capital and labor. We cannot expect capital and labor to take up their abode in our midst without guaranteeing to them the fullest measure of protection, and this we cannot do under our present Constitution.

Washington's Birthday.

Sequachee is to be counted in the front rank of all that is progressive and patriotic, and to carry out that idea the Sequachee Musical Society celebrated the recurrence of the birthday of Washington in a becoming manner at their regular meeting Saturday last. After the roll call, the president presented a brief but concise biography of Washington, calling attention to the fact that 1896 is the 100th anniversary of the Farewell Address previous to the retirement of George Washington. The regular rehearsal then proceeded and after that the Society sang.

1. Hail Columbia.
2. Red, White and Blue.
3. Battle Hymn of the Republic.
4. Star-Spangled Banner.
5. America.

and the evening was closed with the Hymn of Peace to music of Kellar's American Hymn.

Never judge people by their clothing. The man with fringes around the bottom of his trousers slouch hat and worn out shoes may be the editor of your county paper, while the other man with new clothes and tan shoes may simply be one of his delinquent subscribers.—Ex.

Gabel & Brown are now sawing every day and as soon as their lumber dries will set the planer to work. They have adopted the method of drying lumber by turning the planks on end which means it will be thirty to sixty days sooner than in the old fashioned stack.

The Valve Works is engaged in finishing up a lot of valves this week, work in the foundry having been shut down on account of the cold weather raising sand with the sand. Another joke, which we label accordingly.

LOCAL.

Mr. G. Sherman was in Jasper Friday.

Why didn't we hear from Victoria last week.

Sam Pryor went to Whitwell Monday.

Mr. Wm. Owen went to Jasper Monday.

C. H. Davidson went to Jasper Thursday.

Doc Coppinger was in South Pittsburg Friday.

Miss Alpha Spears went to So. Pittsburg Saturday.

Mr. Hopkins Kelley was in town calling Saturday evening.

Mrs. Norris had prayer meeting at her house Thursday evening.

Doc Coppinger has left off mining to follow agricultural pursuits for the summer.

Look out for wedding invitations, because now if you get one you must go.

Althea Spears has been very sick for the past week but has now recovered.

Most of the boys seem in favor of the girls giving them a leap year party.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner passed through town Saturday on their way to Jasper.

Mr. Mathew Pryor's eyes are well now and so he has laid his goggles on the shelf.

Miss Janie Francis is very sick with the measles, but at last accounts was resting easy.

Its nothing but natural that girls should like school teachers as most all the boys here are school teachers.

Who was the girl that stayed at home from the Literary Society to entertain her beau who did not belong?

Who was the young man that said he had rather live single and spit on the floor than be married and "haft" to spit in the fire.

When we see our neighbors' coal bins replenished, we feel we would rather be in a country that has not so many natural advantages. We know we are not in it.

A certain young man carried two girls home from the Debate Society Friday evening. That young man hasn't acted fair he should have given some other boy a chance.

Mr. W. S. Pryor and J. W. Graham carried their side of the debate well but were defeated by Prof. H. E. Tate and Prof. S. P. Pryor, who were on the Negative.

J. T. Boyd of Jasper, was in town Thursday.

Friday wasn't a good day for planting lettuce.

Let's hear some more about that road up the mountain.

Advertise in THE NEWS,—a paper that is read by everybody.

Dan Ferguson has been cutting for Gabel & Brown the last week.

Push that road question. We want that road up the mountain bad.

Job printing done neatly and quickly at this office, don't forget that.

Come and see us when you want good, nice job work done at a reasonable price.

Mrs. Cox and daughter of Chattanooga, are visiting the family of Mr. E. S. Haynes, this week.

Our hustling school commissioner, Mr. Martin, spent Thursday in Jasper looking after that bridge contract it is to be presumed.

Like Hoods Pills, cold weather up this country is peculiar to itself and raises Cain generally. Take for instance "busted" water-pipes.

That saw mill whistle sounds sweet! It evidently means business that will help us all. Score that down and stick it in your hat.

Mr. G. M. Brown's horse was hitched at Mr. Martin's gate Sunday afternoon. Mr. Brown is a very attractive young man and is always welcome.

If you don't believe it about the school teachers, ask two girls in this town about it and also some of the boys, as there are some lady teachers here.

Thanks to the Union League Club of Chicago we are in receipt of twenty-five copies of National music, Hail Columbia, etc., etc., for use on Washington birth-day. The Nashville people had a grand celebration on G. W.'s Day over twenty-five hundred copies being sent there through that club.

We note the receipt of a copy of Home Music Journal published at Logansport Indiana. Apart from the good reading matter on musical topics each number contains four pieces of original music, the cost is seventy five cents a year and we commend it to our readers.

We are glad to see an appreciation of the teachers in the Public school in Sequachee and Jasper. This is as it should be, having made good selections, which has been in both places, the teachers want good loyal support and must have, which also leads us to remark that more scholars are needed both in Sequachee and Jasper.